

the problem by advancing LB 712 which would do the same thing, only more so.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate has ceased. Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to close, please, on the bill.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker. Gosh, I've talked a lot. I bet everybody wants to go to lunch. I would appreciate your choice on this bill. It is not an irresponsible measure. Senator Pappas called to my attention that because the effective date is not until 1986, we probably don't even need an A bill and we raise those hidden costs like we did with LB whatever it was, LB 802 or something like that, that we now have to fund this year. Okay? I kid you not, it is not my intention to raise any hidden costs. It is my intention in the end to find \$90 million, which I am prepared to do through increases in sales and income taxes for targeted property tax relief. I am of the opinion, colleagues, that if you ultimately approve this bill you can say to yourself that you have won the property tax war and you can go home on that issue. I am of the opinion that if you pass this bill it is safe for you to say that the property tax war, that has been waged for 10 years, 15 years, has been won because what you have done, what we will have done is we will have had targeted the most aggrieved taxpayers for very specific relief, and in addition are working on the second most aggrieved series of taxpayers, the farmers and ranchers through Amendment 4. You will have been able to take care of the property tax problem through an appropriation of about \$90 million. I don't think that is too bad. Then when you get dealing with state aid to schools you will hone in on what the real issue is there. I have been thinking about this, and thinking about this, and thinking about this, and I am now bringing to this body seven years of a lot of thought and maybe some